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SUBJECT: GHANAIN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS LAGOS: PRO-MPLA

CAMPAIGN ROLLS FORWARD

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1. GHANAIN FOREIGN MINISTER FELLI MADE ONE DAY VISIT LAGOS JANUARY 5, BRINGING SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ACHEAMPONG TO MUHAMMED. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT ON HIS DEPARTURE, FELLI REPORTED AS SAYING QTE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE OAU TO FIRST GIVE SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA BEFORE THINKING OF HOW TO RECONCILE THE WARRING PARTIES. UNQTE. IT ONLY LOGICAL, FELLI ARGUED, FOR OAU TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT SINCE QTE MAJORITY UNQTE THAT OF ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS HAD EXTENDED SUCH RECOGNITION. CITING NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE AFTER ITS CIVIL WAR, FELLI URGED MPLA TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER RECONCILIATION AFTER IT HAS GAINED THE QTE MASSIVE SUPPORT UNQTE ITS AFRICAN BROTHERS.

2. COMMENT: GHANAIS AND NIGERIANS APPARENTLY DOING SOME LAST MINUTE COORDINATION IN PREPARATION OAU SUMMIT. EQUALLY AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT IS DEMONSTRATION EFFECT OF VISIT, SHOWING AS IT DOES ESSENTIAL SOLIDARITY TWO MAJOR WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON ANGOLA AT CRITICAL MOMENT. FMG FINDS FELLI VISIT ESPECIALLY USEFUL AT TIME WHEN IT OBVIOUSLY TRYING MAKE LAGOS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR PRO-MPLA CAMPAIGN. NIGERIA IS HAPPY TO SHOW IT HAS BROUGHT GHANA INTO THE FOLD. FMG'S GOAL ASSUMING GREATER AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ROLE PRESUMABLY CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ADVANCED A NOTCH OR TWO. EASUM

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